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Letter dated 5 January 2017 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I am hereby transmitting to you a letter dated 30 December 2016 from the Chair, for the period ending 31 December 2016, of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions, adopted on 14 December 2016 (S/AC.51/2016/3) (see annex).

(*Signed*) Olof **Skoog**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

At its 58th formal meeting, on 17 May 2016, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict examined the third report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic (S/2016/133), covering the period from January 2011 to December 2015. At its 60th formal meeting, on 14 December 2016, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic (S/AC.51/2016/3).

In follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005), 1882 (2009), 1998 (2011), 2068 (2012), 2143 (2014) and 2255 (2015), I am entrusted, in my capacity as Chair of the Working Group, to:

(a) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting in the Central African Republic and other relevant United Nations agencies continue their engagement and support to the Government of the Central African Republic to address violations and abuses against children in armed conflict;

(b) Request you to ensure that the country task force on monitoring and reporting continues its engagement with parties to conflict, in line with resolution 1612 (2005), to advocate the release and reintegration of children and facilitate the adoption of action plans to end and prevent violations and abuses against children, and to encourage the country task force to continue its ongoing dialogue on the adoption of action plans with Unité du peuple centrafricain (UPC), Rassemblement patriotique pour le renouveau de la Centrafrique (RPRC) and Front populaire pour la renaissance de la Centrafrique (FPRC) factions of the ex-Séléka;

(c) Request you to continue ensuring the effectiveness of the monitoring and reporting mechanism on children and armed conflict in the Central African Republic and of the child protection component of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), including by ensuring that sufficient child protection capacities are allocated to the Mission;

(d) Welcome the directive issued by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the Central African Republic to the MINUSCA Force Commander and the Police Commissioner prohibiting the use of schools during the conduct of their activities and calling for the full implementation of the directive;

(e) Express deep concern over the continuing and serious allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse by United Nations peacekeepers in MINUSCA and by non-United Nations forces and request you to ensure the implementation of resolution 2272 (2016) and the full implementation of the United Nations zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse;

(f) Request you to ensure that the matter of children and armed conflict is included as a specific element in all country-specific reports on the Central African Republic;

(g) Request you to disseminate the present document to the relevant entities within the United Nations system.

(*Signed*) Ramlan Bin **Ibrahim**
Chair
Working Group
on Children and Armed Conflict